

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 20 JULY 2017

PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new Disabled Persons' Parking Places (DPPP) at various locations in Chipping Norton, Great Rollright, and Witney.

Background

2. New DPPPs have been requested by disabled residents in Gloucester Place, Witney, and Old Forge Road, Great Rollright. In addition, one of the users of a 2-vehicle DPPP in Distons Lane, Chipping Norton has died and it is proposed to reduce it in length to accommodate only one vehicle. At the same time, a resident suggested that the Access Protection Marking outside No 26A be reduced in length. These locations are shown on plans at Annexes 1 – 3. The report considers the outcome of a formal consultation held on these proposals.
3. Other proposals advertised at the same time were either unopposed, or had queries arising which have been resolved satisfactorily. These have therefore been dealt with under my delegated authority to avoid unnecessary delays to applicants.

Formal Consultation

4. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, statement of reasons, and public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed parking place changes were sent to formal consultees on 15 June 2017. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required and plans of all the DPPPs, were deposited for public inspection at County Hall, and the West Oxfordshire District Council Town Centre Shop in Witney. They were also deposited at local libraries and were available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. At the same time, the Council wrote to local residents affected by the proposed changes, asking for their comments. Finally, public notices were displayed at each site as appropriate, and in the Oxford Times.

5. One resident of Gloucester Place, Witney objected to the proposal, and a number of residents, while supporting the proposal, requested that other informal markings be installed or refreshed. These requests are being dealt with separately. One resident objected to the proposal in Old Forge Road, Great Rollright, and three residents while not objecting to the proposal objected to the amount of cars and trailers the applicant has parked in this part of the road. These comments have been passed to Thames Valley Police. Seven Distons Lane residents (including one couple who are moving in) responded to the consultation. All were in favour of reducing the length of the disabled bay. Four Distons Lane residents requested that the nearby Access Protection Marking (APM) be reduced in length, two wanted it left as it is and one didn't refer to it. These are summarised at Annex 4 together with officer responses. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. The County Councillors at the time of the consultation indicated their support for the DPPP proposals in their Divisions.
6. Having carefully considered the points made by the objectors, and recognising that in locations where parking is congested disabled people are at a greater disadvantage, it is suggested that the proposals proceed as advertised. It is further recommended that the APM in Distons Lane is either left intact, or reduced in length by no more than 1 metre.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

7. The cost of all the proposed work under consultation, including that described in this report, will be met from the fund set up for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

8. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed changes, amended as set out in the report**

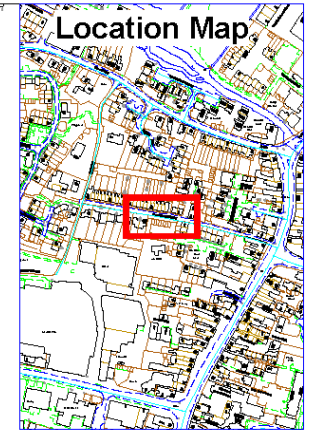
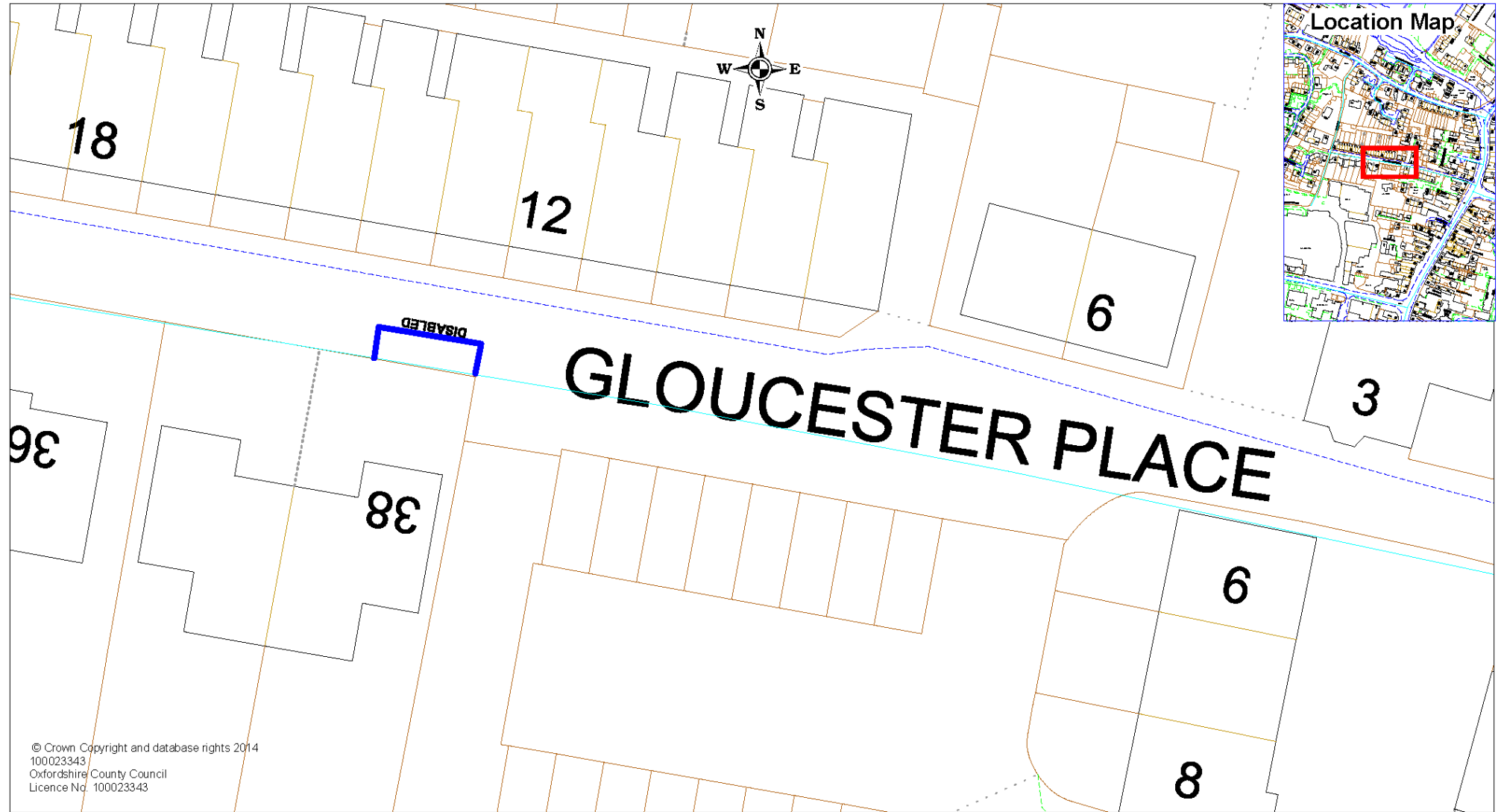
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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
 Consultation responses

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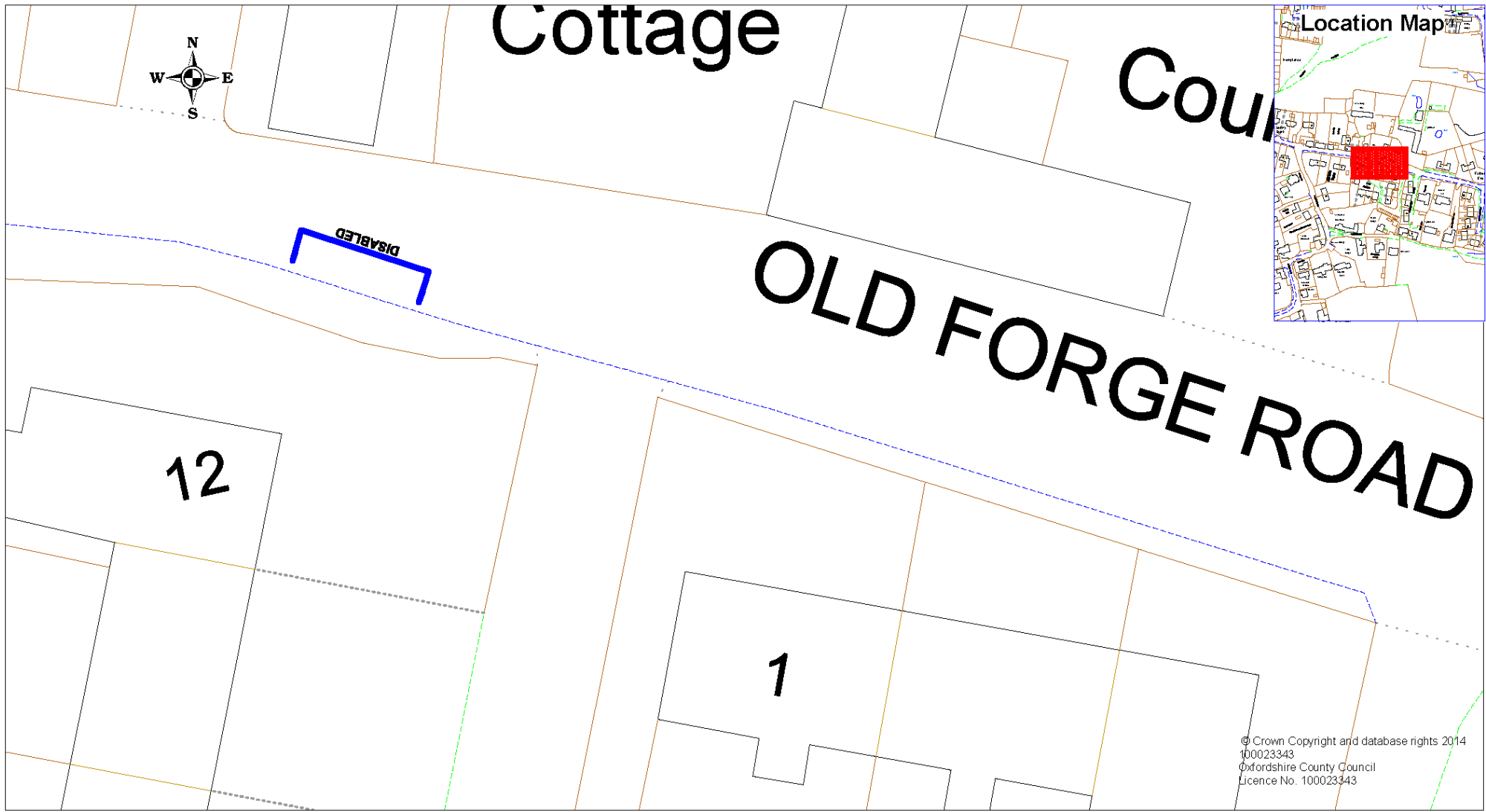


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**Proposed DPPP
 Gloucester Place, Witney**

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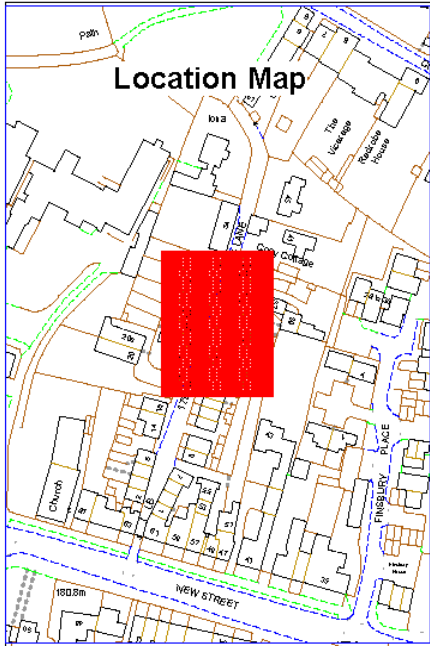
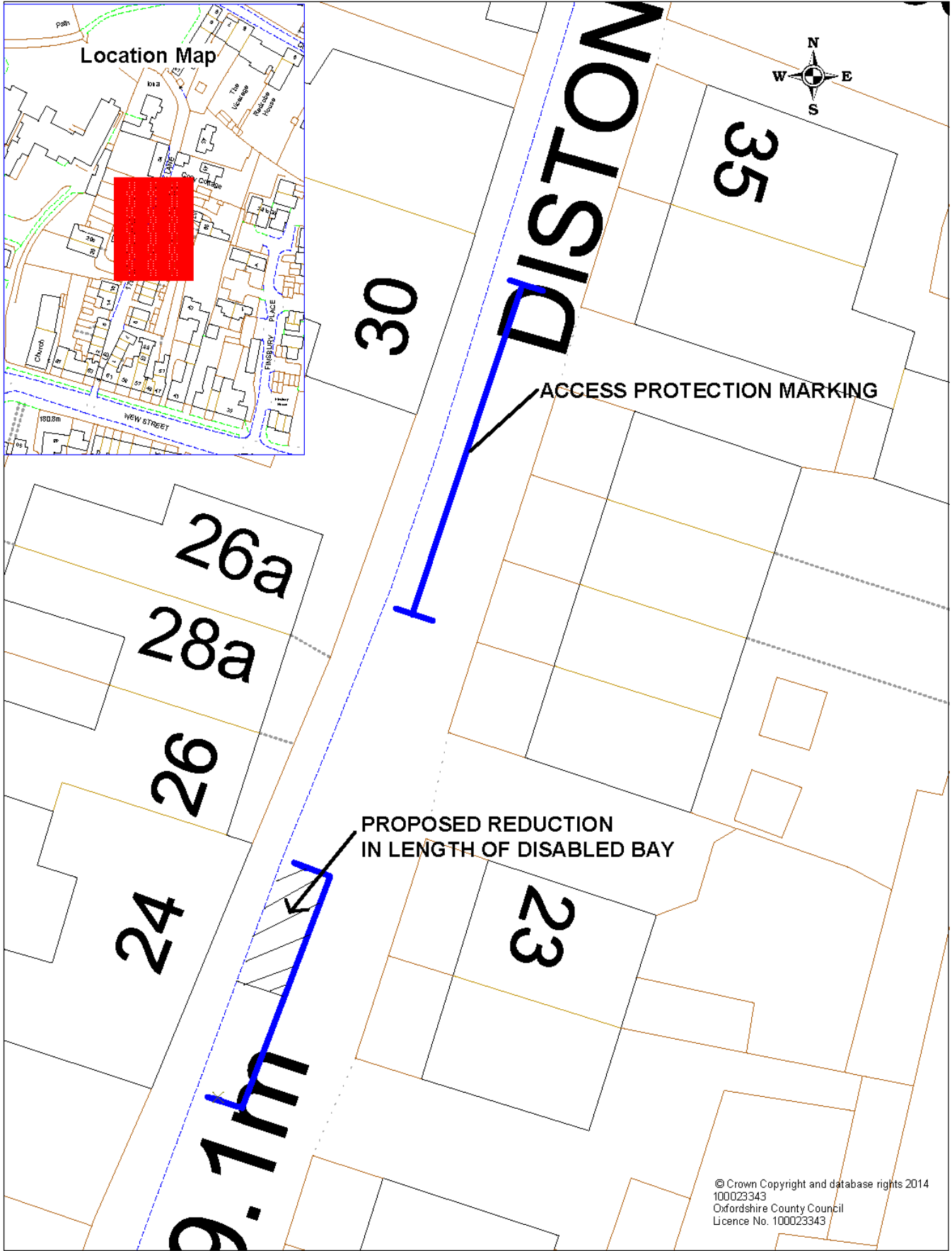


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Proposed DPPP
Old Forge Road, Great Rollright

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**PROPOSED REDUCTION
 IN LENGTH OF DPPP, DISTONS LANE
 CHIPPING NORTON**

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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Proposed DPPP in Gloucester Place, Witney		
Resident, Gloucester Place	Has no objection provided proposed DPPP stops short of his driveway. There is more room outside No 36. Notes that when empty no other able bodied resident will be able to park there, but it might be used by other badge holders.	The bay will stop short of his driveway. A bay outside No 36 would be too far away for the applicant. It is unlikely that another badge holder (unless visiting) would park here as it's too far from shops/businesses. It is OCC policy to help the mobility of disabled residents. If the proposal is successful, as part of the work his driveway will be protected with an Access Protection Marking and he is happy with this solution.
Resident, Gloucester Place	Doesn't object to the proposal but concerned about lack of parking in the road. Planning permission has been requested for development in Ash Close (off Gloucester Place) which may cause further parking problems. Could they get permits to park in the Marriotts Walk multi-storey car park which is nearby?	Permission not yet granted for Ash Close. The multi-storey is not under OCCs jurisdiction.
Resident, Gloucester Place	Supports the proposal. Could KEEP CLEAR marking at the end of the road be re-painted at the same time? Could marked out parking bays be installed in the parking area further down the road to help drivers park sensibly so more cars could park there?	If the bay is approved this could be done at the same time.

Resident, Gloucester Place	Supports the proposal. Would the DPPP be removed if the applicant moved away from the road? Residents here are concerned about parking/traffic issues and the previous evening a young boy was injured by a cyclist at the end of the road by Puck Lane. Could something be done to make this safer?	DPPPs are removed when they are no longer required. The issue of Puck Lane has been passed to a colleague to consider suitable signs/ bollards.
Resident, Gloucester Place	Supports the proposal. Concerned about lack of parking in the road and surrounding area. The bay would be empty when the applicant was out as no other able bodied resident would be able to park there. If the proposal is successful, could parking be made better for the other residents, for instance being given permits for the Marriotts Way multi-storey? Planning permission has been requested for development at Ash Close, and if successful building supplies and work vehicles turning into the Close near the proposed bay. Would it be better to move the bay up the road? His son was injured by a cyclist at the junction with Puck Lane. Are cyclists allowed to cycle in the lane? If so would signage/markings to make this safer for pedestrians.	When parking is congested, the disabled are most disadvantaged so OCC gives priority to them where possible. The applicant has indicated that if the bay were to be located further up the road, she might not be able to reach it. Parking permits for the multi-storey are not within OCC's jurisdiction. Various markings will be carried out to help parking if the proposal goes ahead. Given the restricted nature of the road, very little else that can be done to increase parking provision without compromising driveways. If permission was granted for development at Ash Close, it is likely that strict conditions on the movement of building materials, vehicles and plant would be imposed to stop it affecting the road, although this couldn't be guaranteed. The issue of Puck Lane cyclists has been passed to a colleague to consider suitable signs/ bollards.
Two residents, Gloucester Place	Do not object to the proposal. However, parking very restricted in the road. As they have a young child, they prefer to park here rather than in the open air car park nearby. Are objecting to the planning proposal for Ash Close because of the likely effect on parking. If this all goes ahead, would it be possible for them to get permits for the multi-storey?	The applicant already parks in the location of the proposed DPPP when possible so this wouldn't decrease parking opportunities, except when the applicant was out, as non-badge holders couldn't park in the bay. As previous.

Resident, Gloucester Place	The boundary to his driveway is next to No 38, where the DPP is proposed. Is worried about access – could the proposed bay be set a little back from his drive and an Access Protection Marking be installed in front of his drive? If this is not possible, could the bay be located outside No 36 instead?	The proposed bay can be adjusted to help him, and an Access Protection Marking can be installed across his drive. As above.
Two residents, Gloucester Place	Profoundly disagree with the proposal as the street only has 17 spaces for cars and there are 23 houses. Many households have multiple cars. They know the applicant and many residents feel that on the occasions when she cannot walk to the car park she shouldn't drive as her reflexes wouldn't be quick enough to avoid young residents if they walk into the road. Most days she is able to walk to the pub or go dancing. It isn't fair to grant a DPPP to when only one resident is sometimes in need of one, when other residents have difficulty parking with shopping and children. When the applicant is away, the space would be empty as other badge holders going into town wouldn't use it. OCC should consider families with small children, other elderly residents, and NHS workers who work shifts and give them the same priority	As previous.
Proposed DPPP in Old Forge Road, Great Rollright		
Resident, Prew Bungalows, Old Forge Road	Has included pictures of the applicant's trailers etc parked in the road. He doesn't object to the proposal as long as it is used and not just as storage for the applicant's car.	The applicant does fulfil the eligibility criteria but the amount of trailers he keeps on the road would be a matter for the District Council or Thames Valley Police.
Resident, Prew	Has limited mobility and believes that if the	As above.

Bungalows	proposal goes ahead the applicant should be forced to move his trailers and his second car so other residents and visitors can park here.	
Resident, Prew Bungalows	Does not object to anyone deserving having a DPPP, but objects to the amount of trailers and vehicles the applicant has parked on the road. She has a 97 year old mother with mobility problems and can rarely park here. Applicant often has an unsuitable domestic electricity cable running on the ground from his home to his trailer. He also rents two garages, and a parking space from the Housing Association which he uses for another trailer. He treats this bit of road as his own.	As above. The applicant needs his mobility scooter to get to the garages and his car is too big to get in either garage.
Resident, Prew Bungalows	The applicant thinks he is applying for a space reserved for him, whereas it could be used by any badge holder. Other badge holders live here so he may be worse off than he is now. She believes the current informal parking arrangements are better. It is not a problem to find a space to park here and the applicant already has adequate parking for his two cars, trailers and horse box. The applicant doesn't use the garages he rents for his cars as there is enough parking on the road. She doesn't think a disabled bay is necessary and is opposed to the proposal.	It has been made clear to the resident that the DPPP wouldn't be his. As above. The proposed bay has been sited at one end of the parking here to maximise use for other residents, and utilise the lamp column to fix the sign plate.
Proposed reduction in length of DPPP in Distons Lane, Chipping Norton		
Resident, Distons Lane	Has no objection to shortening the DPPP. Is rarely able to park near his home due to the DPPP and limited parking spaces.	Noted.

Resident, Distons Lane	Thinks that it would be sensible to reduce the Access Protection Marking (APM) by nearly 4 metres at the same time as the proposed reduction in length of the DPPP to alleviate parking problems.	If the APM was shortened by this amount it would then not cover all of the driveway.
Resident, Distons Lane	She is surprised and disappointed that OCC is considering reducing the length of the APM. The reduction wouldn't make much difference to parking provision, but would affect her ability to access her drive. Residents already park partially over the line and any reduction would mean they might move even closer causing difficulty for her and her partner, who has a van, to swing in or out. Thinks OCC should install parking bays or provide a permit parking scheme.	Any reduction in the APM would have little effect on the amount of available parking in this part of the road in the same way that the proposed reduction in length of the DPPP would. Uncontrolled parking bays would not increase parking availability here – it might reduce it. It would be likely that residents would still park over the ends of the bays to ensure their neighbours could park. A controlled parking scheme would be too expensive for the funds available and couldn't be enforced adequately.
Resident, Distons Lane	Agrees with DPPP proposal but opposes any reduction in the APM as it would cause difficulties for the resident and hazardous parking to himself.	Noted.
Resident, Distons Lane	Has no objection to the DPPP proposal. The APM is about 4 metres too long and reduces the number of cars that can park in this part of the lane from five to four. The resident here has one of the widest parking bays in the lane and is able to drive into it in one go unlike other residents who have to manoeuvre several times.	As above. APMs are installed to prevent parking obstruction and to provide easier access to off-street parking areas.
Resident, Distons Lane	Agrees with the DPPP proposal provided the northern portion is removed. Believes APM is excessively long and supports the proposal to shorten it.	
Two residents,	Will be moving into Distons Lane and the DPPP	Noted.

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